

# WHAT'S *New*

in the Metropolitan Police Department



*A weekly update for residents, visitors,  
and workers in the District of Columbia*

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## NATIONAL POLICE WEEK TO BRING THOUSANDS TO DC TO HONOR OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as “National Police Week.” Every year since, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on DC each May to participate in a variety of events to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and were killed in the line of duty. 2005 will be no different, as police officers and other supporters will be in DC to honor the policing profession’s fallen heroes. Police Week events are highlighted by the 17th Annual Candlelight Vigil on Friday evening, May 13, at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Judiciary Square. Immediately following the ceremony is a reading of the 415 names newly engraved on the Memorial – including the names of two MPDC members who died in the line of duty during 2004: Sergeant John Ashley and Sergeant Clifton Rife II. The 24th Annual National Peace Officers’ Memorial Day service will take place on Sunday, May 15 on the west front of the US Capitol. Other Police Week events include bicycle and motorcycle rides, wreath-laying ceremonies, the 11th annual Blue Mass (May 10 at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, 10th and G Streets, NW), seminars by Concerns of Police Survivors, a Pipeband March and Service, and an Honor Guard competition.

## CHIEF RAMSEY SWEARS IN 40 NEW MPDC OFFICERS, NOW HEADED FOR PSA NEIGHBORHOOD PATROLS

Police patrols in DC neighborhoods are being bolstered by the addition of 40 new officers who were sworn in by Chief Ramsey during graduation ceremonies Friday afternoon. The new officers—mostly members of Recruit Classes 2004-6 and 2004-7—have successfully completed approximately 24 weeks of training at the Maurice T. Turner Jr., Institute of Police Science, the MPDC’s training academy. All of the new officers are being assigned to neighborhood patrol duties in the Police Service Areas (PSAs). The majority of the new officers will be assigned to the Sixth and Seventh Police Districts, east of the Anacostia River. While overall crime is down in these two districts, they have accounted for 38 homicides so far this year, or about 64 percent of the murders in DC through May 6. Noting that their graduation comes just days before the MPDC and police departments across the nation observe National Police Week, Chief Ramsey urged the new officers to never forget the officers who came before them—especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice and were killed in the line of duty. “Let the legacy of our fallen heroes be the difference that each one of you makes in the communities you serve,” Ramsey said. “As far as I’m concerned, there can be no greater honor—no greater tribute—than that.”

① National Police Week info and a schedule of events, are at:  
<http://www.nleomf.com/>

① Locally, the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary sponsors the 26th Annual Memorial Service for law enforcement officers from the region killed in the line of duty. The ceremony begins at 11 am on May 16, at the memorial fountain outside Headquarters. Call the Community Outreach Section at (202) 727-0783.

① MPDC maintains an online memorial to officers killed in the line of duty. Family members, friends and other loved ones may submit remembrances at:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1233,q,539213,mpdcNav,|31457|.asp>

① Concerns of Police Survivors holds its annual Survivors’ Conference May 13-14 in the DC area, with a special breakout session hosted by the MPDC’s Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit on issues surrounding line-of-duty deaths when the officer and/or survivors are members of the GLBT community. Details at:  
<http://gllu.gaydc.net/newsroom/index.htm#seminar>

① For information on career opportunities in the MPDC—both sworn and civilian—visit:  
[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1230,Q,537771,mpdcNav\\_GID,1523,mpdcNav,|31417|.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1230,Q,537771,mpdcNav_GID,1523,mpdcNav,|31417|.asp)

① Learn more about police districts and the PSA structure at:  
[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1239,q,543336,mpdcNav\\_GID,1523,mpdcNav,|.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1239,q,543336,mpdcNav_GID,1523,mpdcNav,|.asp)

## MAYOR ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF \$16.8 MILLION FOR SERVICES TO VIOLENT CRIME VICTIMS

Mayor Williams this past week announced that he is making available \$16.8 million to help address the needs of victims of violent crime in DC. The funds will provide support for existing victim service providers and allow existing programs to increase the services available to victims. Projects to be funded include \$3.5 million for the creation of up to 150 new shelter beds for victims of domestic violence; \$2.5 million for the expansion and development of direct services to victims; \$2 million for the creation of a community-based Victims Services Center that will co-locate services in a one-stop center; \$1.8 million to develop and increase the services to survivors of homicide victims; \$1.8 million for citywide projects that address the specific needs of underserved victims of domestic violence and sexual assault; and \$900,000 to create and expand education and outreach to the community on violent crime and crime victimization. The \$16.8 million in new funds come from fines levied on criminal offenders in DC and collected by the DC Superior Court. The funds will be released over the next few months through the city's Office of Victim Services, within the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice.

## CRIME IN DC DOWN 12 PERCENT DURING APRIL

The number of serious crime reported in DC declined by almost 12 percent in April, according to preliminary statistics from the MPDC, with reductions in every crime category except for theft from auto and arson. Compared with April 2004, violent crime was down 13 percent last month. There were reductions in all four violent crime categories: homicide (-21%), sexual assault (-4%), robbery (-15%), and assault with a deadly weapon (-11%). Among property crimes last month, burglary (-7%), theft (-8%) and auto theft (-30%) all declined, while arson was unchanged and theft from auto rose by 4 percent. With the exception of the Sixth District, all police districts recorded decreases in crime during April, according to the preliminary statistics. Nevertheless, 6D had still recorded the largest reduction in crime, 21%, through the first four months of 2005. Citywide, reported serious crime was down just over 14 percent when comparing preliminary data for January-April 2005 and figures for the same time period of 2004. Through the first four months of this year, violent crime in DC was down 8 percent (including an 11 percent reduction in homicide), and property crime had declined by 16 percent (including a 31 percent drop in stolen autos). All seven police districts have recorded reductions in crime so far this year.

## NEWS & NOTES

**Reward Offered in Attack on Senior.** The MPDC is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to an arrest and conviction in the brutal robbery of an 83-year-old woman in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood this past week. The attack was captured on a building surveillance video that has drawn the attention of local and national news media. Read the news release at <http://app.mpdc.dc.gov/newsroom/newsroom.asp?sid=3180>.

**Quarterly MOA Progress Report.** The MPDC's latest progress report on implementation of the use-of-force Memorandum of Agreement signed with the US Justice Department, covering the first quarter of 2005, is now available (in PDF) at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,A,1246,Q,555677.asp>.

**USAO Honors MPDC Officers.** Officer Zunnobia Hakim of the MPDC's Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit is one of several MPDC members who will be honored May 12, during the United States Attorney's Office 25th Annual Law Enforcement Awards Ceremony at the Cannon House Office Building. Office Hakim is recognized for her work in helping to secure a conviction in a felony child sexual abuse case, and treat the young victim with extraordinary care and compassion. The offender is currently serving a long prison sentence and is required to register for life as a sex offender. Details at <http://gllu.gaydc.net/newsroom/index.htm#hakir>.

① For more information, visit:  
<http://dc.gov/news/release.asp?id=692>

① The \$16.8 million will be released through the request for application process; victim services providers are encouraged to apply. Information on the District's funding alert is available online at:  
[www.opgd.dc.gov](http://www.opgd.dc.gov)

① Access information on a wide range of resources and services for crime victims at:  
[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1241,q,539164,mpdcNav\\_GID,1523,mpdcNav\\_|.asp](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1241,q,539164,mpdcNav_GID,1523,mpdcNav_|.asp)

① View the latest preliminary crime statistics for each of the seven police districts, as well as DC as a whole, at:  
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1239,q,543329.asp>

① For tips on preventing theft from auto and other types of theft offenses, go to:  
[http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1237,q,547816,mpdcNav\\_GID,1551.asp#auto](http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1237,q,547816,mpdcNav_GID,1551.asp#auto)

### DATA BOX

<b>Homicides</b>	<b>as of 5/6/05</b>
♦ 2005: 59	
♦ 2004: 69	
♦ % Change: -14.5%	
♦ Closure Rate: 54.2% (32 closures)	
<b>Adult Arrests</b>	<b>week end. 4/30/05</b>
♦ Total: 988	
♦ Drugs: 184	
♦ Weapons: 25	
♦ Motor Vehicle Theft: 20	
♦ Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 30	
<b>Juvenile Activity</b>	<b>week end. 4/30/05</b>
♦ Arrests: 65	
♦ Curfew Violations: 14	
♦ Truants: 70	
<b>Firearm Recoveries</b>	<b>as of 5/4/05</b>
♦ May: 21	
♦ April: 171	
♦ 2005 Total: 894	
<b>Traffic Fatalities</b>	<b>as of 5/6/05</b>
♦ 2005: 16	
♦ 2004: 22	
♦ % Change: -27.3%	

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